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Effective November 1, 2005, Missouri Medicaid will allow an IDTF facility designated by Medicare and enrolled as a Missouri Medicaid provider to deliver services. An IDTF may perform medically necessary diagnostic tests performed by licensed, certified non-physician personnel under appropriate physician supervision. The IDTF may be a fixed location, a mobile entity, or supplied by an individual non-physician practitioner, but must be independent of a hospital or physician's office. To be accepted as a Missouri Medicaid enrolled provider, an IDTF must be certified to participate in the Title XVIII Medicare Program as an IDTF and must submit proof of Medicare enrollment.

#### **Supervising Physician**

An IDTF must have one or more supervising physicians who are responsible for the direct and ongoing oversight of the quality of the testing performed, the proper operation and calibration of the equipment used to perform tests, and the qualifications of non-physician personnel who use the equipment. This level of supervision is the requirement for general supervision as set forth in 42 CFR 410.33 (b).

The supervising physician must evidence proficiency in the performance and interpretation of each type of diagnostic procedure performed by the IDTF. Each supervising physician does not have to be responsible for all of these functions. The basic requirement is that all of the supervisory physician functions be properly met at each location, regardless of the number of physicians involved. Supervisory physicians do not have to be employees of the IDTF, nor do they have to be enrolled with Missouri Medicaid. They can be contracted physicians for each location served by an IDTF. The

supervising physician must meet the definition of a “physician” in section 1861 (r) of the Social Security Act.

In the case of a procedure requiring the direct or personal supervision of a physician, the IDTF’s supervising physician must personally furnish this level of supervision whether the procedure is performed in the IDTF, or in the instance of mobile services, at the remote location.

The IDTF must maintain documentation to demonstrate sufficient physician attendance during all hours of operation to assure that the required physician supervision is furnished.

### **Non-physician Personnel**

Any non-physician personnel used by the IDTF to perform tests must demonstrate the basic qualifications to perform the tests and have training and proficiency as evidenced by licensure or certification by the appropriate State health or education department. In the absence of a State licensing board, the technician must be certified by an appropriate national credentialing body. The IDTF must maintain documentation available for review that the requirements are met.

### **Ordering of Tests**

The physician who is treating the patient must order the procedures performed by the IDTF in writing. The order must specify the diagnosis or other basis for the testing. The supervisory physician for the IDTF may not order tests unless the supervisory physician is the patient’s treating physician with a prior relationship with the patient. An IDTF may not add any procedures based on internal protocols without a written order from the treating physician.

### **Multi-State Entities**

The supervising physician must be licensed to practice in the state where the diagnostic tests are performed. An IDTF that operates across state boundaries must maintain documentation that its supervising physicians and technicians are licensed and certified in each of the states in which it is furnishing services. The IDTF must comply with applicable laws of any state in which it operates.

### **Billing Guidelines**

An IDTF may only bill the procedures it has reported to Medicare as ones it intends to perform.

Reference the Missouri Medicaid fee schedule for coverage and reimbursement of all radiology procedures at <http://dss.missouri.gov/dms/>. The fee schedule is updated

quarterly with changes in coding and reimbursement. Procedure codes used by an IDTF will be listed under the Radiology services.

### Provider Enrollment Information

The Provider Enrollment Unit is responsible for enrolling new providers and maintaining provider records for all Missouri Medicaid provider types. Refer to their website at <http://peu.momed.com/momed/presentation/commongui/PeHome.jsp> for provider enrollment information and to fill out an application to become a Missouri Medicaid provider.

To enroll as an IDTF provider, fill out the necessary documentation for provider type 71, Independent or Portable X-ray Service/IDTF. Applications will be available October 1, 2005.

The individual practitioners cannot enroll when enrolling an IDTF, all services must be billed using the IDTF provider number.

If you have questions or need assistance completing the enrollment forms, contact the Provider Enrollment Unit by e-mail at [providerenrollment@mail.medicaid.state.mo.us](mailto:providerenrollment@mail.medicaid.state.mo.us).

**Provider Bulletins** are available on the DMS Website at <http://www.dss.mo.gov/dms/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Published Bulletin site only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin site.

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- MC+ Fee-for-Service
- Medicaid Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MC+ Managed Care

Questions regarding MC+ Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MC+ Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MC+ card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One.

**Provider Communications Hotline**  
**573-751-2896**